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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
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CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/DE2003/004282INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
23 December 2003PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
13 January 2003TITLE OF INVENTION  
METHOD FOR FIXING THE POSITION OF A PULL-TAB WITH A STEEP ANTI ROTATION DEVICE FORMED FROM THE  
PANEL OF A SHEET METAL COVERAPPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US  
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
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  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
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8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).  
"Executed"
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included:**

11. Assignee: BALL PACKAGING EUROPE GmbH, of Ratingen, Germany
12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
13. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
16. ☐ A substitute specification.
17. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
18. ☒ Figure of Drawing to be published: 3a
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
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22. ☒ Other items or information:  
Cover Letter under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.495.  
2 New Sheets of Drawings.  
International Application as published in German (Cover Sheet).  
International Application as filed in German.  
PCT/RO/101 PCT Request (in German).  
PCT/ISA/210 International Search Report (in German).  
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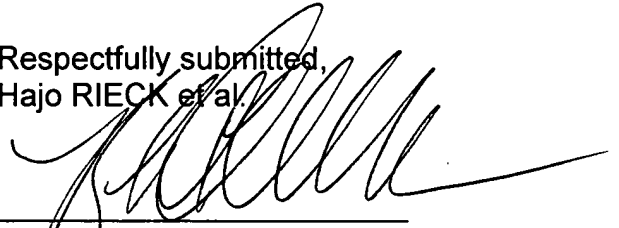
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